

REMARKS

Consideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, claims 1 through 38 are pending, with claims 1, 15, 24, 29, and 34 being the independent claims.

The specification is amended to delete Paragraphs 0001 through 0006. No new matter is added by the present amendments submitted herewith.

Entry of the above Amendment, in addition to prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment, are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

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